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Tour de France hero's bike stolen

Dave Sims on his Raleigh Chopper

by Danielle Thompson

A CYCLING fanatic who completed the Tour de France route earlier this year on a children's Raleigh Chopper has been left devastated after the expensive mountain bike he trains on, was stolen in Southport town centre.

Dave Sims completed the gruelling 2,000–mile course on an adapted Chopper bike in the summer – receiving a message of encouragement from two–times Tour winner, Chris Froome. **Cont. inside**

STORM OF PROTEST OVER FUEL PLANT

West Lancs residents rally against plans to convert plastic into diesel at quarry site

by Danielle Thompson

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build the first plant in the UK to convert waste plastic into diesel fuel have been met with shock and anger by residents in West Lancashire.

P–Fuel Limited have submitted an application to Lancashire County Council to create a new facility to chemically convert non–recyclable plastics at the West Quarry site in Appley Bridge.

The plant, which would have a 17.5 metre chimney stack, would operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week and would process up to six tonnes of of plastics each year – the maximum amount allowed.

Residents in neighbouring Parbold and Dalton and environmentalists in Skelmersdale have also raised concerns fearful that potentially harmful emissions could be blown in their direction by prevailing winds.

Objectors are also angry that an environment and health report into the plant and submitted to the council was commissioned by P–Fuel themselves!

On online petition against the application which was started on Monday quickly gained more than 1,000 signatures.

Planning permission was previously granted two years ago to use the site to generate electricity using bio–liquids. **Cont. on p5**

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Have your say on how council spend community levy

WEST Lancs residents are being given the opportunity to have their say on how the borough council should spend money raised from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

The levy allows the council to raise funds from developers who are undertaking new building projects in the borough.

This money must be used to pay for a range of infrastructure facilities needed to support new development across West Lancashire. These can include open spaces, parks, play areas, outdoor sports facilities, playing pitches, cycle paths, footpaths, and community facilities.

The council wants to know people's views on how the money it will have collected by March 31 next year should be spent in the 2016/17 financial year.

And they have put forward some options on how the money could be allocated, including the creation of allotments in Skelmersdale; the creation of allotments in Burscough; improvements to public open space and associated car parking at

Councillor John Hodson

Station Approach, Ormskirk; improvements to a nature reserve in Haskayne; extension to community facilities in Halsall.

These projects have been shortlisted from a list of more than 100 potential schemes and the council want to know if residents support them.

Residents can also tell the council, if and why they think any other projects on the infrastructure list should be considered for funding in 2016/17, or even suggest their own ideas for suitable projects.

They can also comment on whether the council should fund all of the above projects, some of them or none of them.

Councillor John Hodson, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for planning, said: "This CIL money could help make some exciting projects a reality and we really want to hear what the public thinks so please take part in this consultation."

People can send their comments to the council between Thursday, October 1 and Friday, October 30. More information will be available at www.westlancs.gov.uk /CFP from October 1, or individuals can drop in to their local library or council office to view the documents. If people have any questions, they should phone 01695 585171. Residents can submit their views through the website or by collecting a comments form from one of the above venues.

Anonymous comments will not be accepted so respondents should include their name and address.

All comments received will be considered and a final decision will be made by the cabinet in early 2016.

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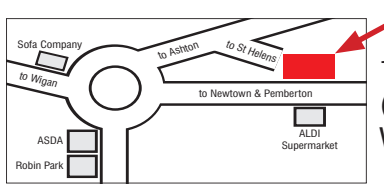

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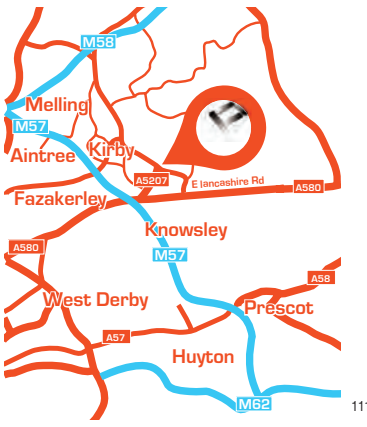

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Athletics stars open university's new £30m sports complex

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

EDGE Hill played host to stars of track and field past and present to mark the opening of the university's new £30million indoor and outdoor sports complex.

Heptathlete and IAAF world indoor silver medallist, Katarina Johnson–Thompson opened the new sports centre building, while former world 1,500–metres champion and Olympic silver medallist, Steve Cram opened the new running track.

The sports centre houses an eight–court sports hall with viewing gallery for basketball, netball, badminton, 5–a–side football and general sports use along with a 25–metre swimming pool, 80–station fitness suite, aerobics studio, health suite with sauna and steam rooms, a café and lounge area.

Meanwhile, the outdoor facilities include one of the largest running tracks in Europe, rugby, hockey and football pitches, an athletics field, netball and tennis courts and a 'trim trail' with exercise stations.

Katarina Johnson–Thompson and Barrie Wells officially open The Sports Centre at Edge Hill University. Code1084501

Former world record holder Steve Cram 'Christens' the new running track with pupils from St Bede's Catholic High School Code1084538

Fantastic

Katarina Johnson–Thompson was joined by philanthropist and entrepreneur, Barrie Wells to unveil a commemorative plaque and tour the new facilities, while former multiple world–record holder Steve Cram, who received a CBE in the 2015 New Year's Honours List, cut the ribbon to mark the opening of the eight–lane floodlit running track.

He then led skills–based coaching sessions for local school children, assisted by Edge Hill PE students, and gave a talk on understanding high performance to students and staff before answering questions about his career.

Katarina Johnson–Thompson said: "I've been to Edge Hill a number of times, including with a group of schoolchildren and it was fantastic to be back for the opening of this amazing facility."

New ecological features and wildlife habitats have also been created at the university, including mixed–woodland areas and footpaths linking to nearby Ruff Wood, wildflower meadows, open grassland and a new wildlife pond, and structural screen planting and hedgerow replacement.

The development also incorporates sustainable drainage and low carbon design and building technologies.

Developers' appeals over homes plan decisions slammed by residents

RESIDENTS' group campaigners have criticised developers for launching appeals after their plans to build more than 400 homes on two sites in Parrs Lane, Aughton were rejected by West Lancs Council.

The Champion revealed earlier this year that Redrow Homes had submitted a planning application for up to 250 homes on 11 hectares of land to the west of Parrs Lane, while Wainhomes Developments planned up to 150 homes on land to the south, with access from Prescot Road.

Although the proposals were refused by the council the companies have appealed the decisions.

Colin Atkinson, chairman of Aughton Residents Group (2012) said: "These appeals were anticipated but still very unwelcome and hostile. They are contrary to the adopted Local Plan and our group hopes that the council will robustly defend their previous decision to refuse both applications at any subsequent hearings.

"Our supporters are angry and will endeavour to postpone the development of Parrs Lane land for at least the lifetime of the Local Plan (2027) and beyond."

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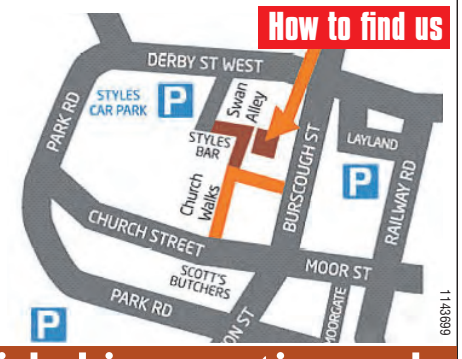

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Chopper cyclist's training bike stolen

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The 36–year–old, from Halsall, was shopping in Southport and had only chained up his Lapierre carbon MTB Hardtail mountain bike outside JD Sports on Chapel Street for less than 20 minutes when the chain was severed with bolt cutters and the bike, worth £2,000, was stolen.

Dave told the Champion: "I am absolutely devastated – it is my main training bike and I have clocked up many hours on it in training for the Tour de France challenge.

"It is a lightweight carbon fibre bike – I expect that someone will have broken it down to parts to sell it online without it being traced.

"I've been given so much support from people in West Lancs and Southport – thank you so much to everyone who is helping me to get it back and find out who has taken it."

If anyone has information relating to the bike theft, contact police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Campaign targets rogue traders and 'pushy' doorsteppers

BOGUS traders and pushy door sellers are being targeted in a week of action which started on Monday (September 28).

In line with a national campaign, officers from Lancashire Constabulary will be working with colleagues from Lancashire County Council's Trading Standards, HM Customs, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and the Vehicle and Operator Service Agency (VOSA) to tackle criminals who victimise vulnerable people such as the elderly, by pressuring them into having unnecessary and poor standard work undertaken at their homes, charging extortionate fees for the work.

Warrants will be executed across Lancashire and officers will be visiting those believed to be involved in rogue trading.

Previous victims and those at a potential risk of being defrauded will be visited and given advice on how to avoid becoming affected.

Roadside checkpoints have been set up throughout the county, crime prevention presentations will also be hosted at community venues and leaflets will be handed out at building merchants to share safety messages.

"I'd never heard of "distraction burglary" before, until one day a chap called at my house saying he needed to turn my water off as there was a leak down the road. There was no leak of course, he was what they call a "distraction burglar" trying to lie his way in to my home to steal."
Fighting Doorstep Crime
Distraction Burglary Information leaflet

One of the leaflets being handed out as part of the campaign

Chief Inspector Mike Adamson, said: "Rogue traders are criminals who take advantage of householders by using high–pressure, forceful sales techniques. The work is often expensive, sub–standard and not required at all.

"This kind of criminality is often linked to distraction burglaries, which is carried out by an offender gaining access to a property by distracting or deceiving the householder in order to steal their valuables or cash.

"We hope that this operation will catch those responsible and raise awareness of the dangers of rogue traders and doorstep crime so there are even less of these incidents."

As part of the campaign members of the public are being advised to:

• Never agree to have any work done as a result of a cold call. Don't make snap decisions and don't be pressurized into having the job done.

• Only pay once work is completed to your satisfaction. Don't pay cash and don't pay money up front for trader's materials.

• Check the identity of all callers to your home. Ask for photo identification and check carefully with the telephone number in the phone book, not the number on the ID.

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Cancer survivor in appeal to sufferers

Report by **Holly Rummens**

A CANCER survivor from Ormskirk who battled Hodgkins Lymphoma is encouraging others who are going through similar experiences to attend an open evening with Sefton Cancer Support group after they helped him come to terms with the disease.

The cancer support group are holding an open evening tonight (Wednesday, September 30) at Duke Street, Formby, for anyone who has been affected by lymphoma.

Danny White, 36, was diagnosed with the life–threatening disease in December 2011.

Danny, who grew up in Aintree before moving to Ormskirk with fiance, Magdalena and daughters, Alicia and Amelia, said: "I had never heard of Hodgkins Lymphoma until a couple days earlier when I saw on the news that former footballer Gary Ablett had sadly passed away with it. Being a massive Liverpool fan, this was a big shock to me and also highlighted the seriousness of my condition.

"I underwent six rounds of chemotherapy every two weeks and I had to get my lungs drained on a daily basis just so I could breathe.

"I am currently coming up to my third year of remission and I am now in some of the best shape of my life."

Danny White with daughter Alicia

The open evening starts at 6pm at the Sefton Cancer Support Group's headquarters in Duke Street, Formby.

Storm of protest over fuel plant

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But campaigners say there was no public consultation at the time and the planning notices were minimal and claim the plans were passed 'by stealth'.

Campaign group Appley Bridge Community Against Greenbelt Erosion (ABCAGE) say the new plans involve a much more toxic process with 'very significant implications for the environment.'

If the plant gets the go–ahead they claim chemical contaminants will be released into the air with potentially harmful effects especially on children.

And, worryingly, they claim Lancs County Council is considering the application without informing or having any consultation with local residents.

A spokesperson from the group told the Champion: "In principle the idea of using non–recyclable plastic is a good idea but the technology is in its infancy in Europe – not appropriate in a residential area where the side effects could affect the health of the community.

'We don't want potential side effects tested out on West Lancs residents'

"The plant should be installed in an industrial area like Ellesmere Port, not in a rural area. We don't want potential side effects tested out on West Lancs residents!"

The proposed site is just yards away from a scout hut and village community centre and just 550 metres away from All Saints Primary School, as well as being close to houses.

Concerns

County Councillor John Fillis who represents Skelmersdale East has joined the growing opposition to the plans.

He told the Champion: "As far as I'm concerned the side effects of the chemicals could be carcinogenic and the public need confidence and reassurance that the council is prepared to fully look into any concerns about safety before the application is decided.

"I will be requesting a baseline health impact assessment."

Claire Robinson, from Skelmersdale environmental group, Arrow, said: "We will object as we are concerned about potential emissions affecting West Lancs residents.

"The technology is new and not enough research has been done on potential health effects – burning plastic is not environmentally safe."

The public consultation ends tomorrow (Thursday, October 1) which is also the deadline for objections which should be forwarded to DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk

The plans can be viewed on the country councils' planning website, reference 2015/LCC/0088

Musical pals on song for hospice

A SINGING group made up of six friends from Ormskirk and Burscough are aiming to strike a winning note at the double on behalf of a worthy cause.

The pals – Heather Gawne, Gary Simpson, Charlotte Taylor, Jenny Armstrong, Suzanne Gawne and Simon Taylor – performing as Pic n Mix – are staging two concerts in aid of Queenscourt Hospice.

The first will be held on Saturday (October 3) at the British Legion in Lord Street, Burscough and the second on Friday, October 9 at the Aughton Institute, Bold Lane, Aughton.

Both start at 7.30pm and will feature a wide range of songs – from favourites dating back to the Swinging Sixties right through to present–day pop hits.

All proceeds of the events will be donated to the hospice in Southport which cares for patients from Sefton and West Lancashire.

Gary Simpson said: "We reckon the shows are guaranteed to satisfy every musical taste and offer a chance to dance the night away as we rock the room with not a DJ in sight! So, come along for a great night out and help raise money for our local hospice."

Tickets for the concerts cost £10 and can be ordered by calling 01704 892904 or 07795 172719, or online at www.ticketsource .co.uk/ormskirktheatrecompany.

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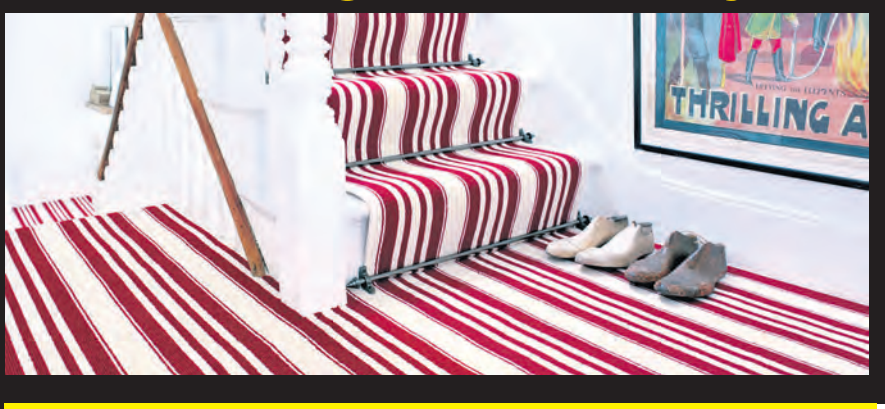

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Artist's special tribute to veterans charity

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A FORMER soldier who was blinded and lost the use of one of his arms in a horrific accident has created his own updated version of an iconic painting of injured servicement to celebrate the 100th anniversary of national charity, Blind Veterans UK.

Matthew Rhodes from Tarleton, who suffered life–changing injuries in a motorcycle accident just three days before his 21st birthday, was supported by the charity and learned how to paint left–handed after losing the use of his right arm.

He painted a huge 8ft by 2ft updated version of the iconic John Singer Sargent work, 'Gassed', which depicts a line of wounded soldiers walking towards a dressing station after a mustard gas attack in the First World War.

Matthew's painting depicts 13 veterans currently supported by the charity, aged from 25 to 99 and including himself, also walking in a line. They have fought in conflicts including the Second World War, the Falklands, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Matthew Rhodes with his painting, in front of the original Gassed at the Imperial War Museum

He spent 100 hours working on the painting at the Blind Veterans UK Llandudno centre last month.

The charity provides vital free rehabilitation, equipment and emotional support to blind and vision–impaired veterans no matter when they served or how they lost their sight.

The painting went on display alongside the original at the Imperial War Museum in London on Wednesday, September 23 and it will be on view at Westminster Abbey for a further two weeks from Tuesday, October 6.

Father–of–four Matthew, 40, said: "I owe Blind Veterans UK so much. That is why I'm so pleased to be able to share this painting and honour the centenary of the charity."

Paintings on show at Mere

THE Hesketh Oil Painting group are currently exhibiting their wildlife art at Martin Mere Wetland Centre.

More than 30 works are featured in the exhibition which can be viewed in the Burscough centre's exhibition gallery between 9.30am and 6pm daily until November 1.

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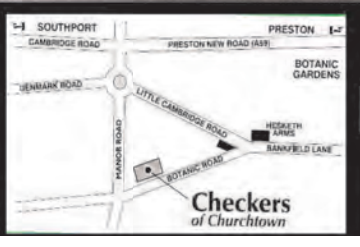

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Canal re–opened after £550,000 culvert repair work

By **Danielle Thompson**

A damaged culvert was replaced with two new pipes on the Rufford stretch of the Leeds–Liverpool Canal

THE Rufford branch of the Leeds–Liverpool Canal has re–opened following the completion of emergency repairs by the Canal & River Trust.

The £550,000 project was required when a 200–year old culvert that passes underneath the waterway collapsed in July.

Following the incident, the affected section between locks 4 and 5 had to be dammed and drained to allow the repairs to take place.

The trust's engineers and contractors have been working long days and at weekends to get the canal back open as soon as possible. This has meant removing 600 tonnes of peat in order to replace the collapsed wooden culvert with two new modern 750mm plastic pipes, before making good the canal itself.

Graham Ramsden, Canal & River Trust project manager, said: "Our staff and contractors have been working hard to make sure we re–opened the canal as quickly as we possibly could to ensure boaters could use the canal and enjoy their onward journeys.

REMOTE

"Whilst it's a particularly beautiful stretch of canal, it's also quite a remote stretch. 200 years ago, the canal navvies would have dug the canal using picks and shovels. Today we've been able to use modern machinery to make the repairs, although doing so has involved negotiating the Ormskirk railway line at night to transport the material off site."

The Rufford branch of the canal is just over seven miles long, with eight locks and connects the main line of the Leeds–Liverpool at Lathom Junction to the River Douglas at Tarleton Junction.

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School's Local Heroes initiative kicks off with a visit by the milkman!

By **Danielle Thompson**

STAFF at a village school have launched a new initiative aimed at celebrating everyday 'heroes' including firemen, dentists and doctors.

The Local Heroes scheme at Halsall St Cuthbert's Church of England Primary kicked off with a visit by members of Maghull–based Mortons Dairies.

Milkmen from the family–owned company arrived at the school on a traditional milk float to teach children about how milk is produced by cows and its health benefits and to share samples of dairy products with the youngsters.

Mortons Dairies have been delivering milk to neighbourhoods in West Lancashire since the 1920s.

Teacher, Miss Leggett, said: "Our children enjoyed meeting the milkmen from Mortons Dairies and it was a great start to our ongoing community hero initiative which also includes the local police, fire brigade, dentists and doctors."

Milkman Alan Scott with children from Halsall St Cuthbert's Church of England Primary School

Julian Harrison, operations director of Mortons Dairies, said: "We're delighted to launch this great community initiative at St Cuthbert's. Our milkmen are usually out on the road in the early hours and many children have never seen a real milk float in action before.

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Volunteers wanted to join county's Healthwatch team

Chance to make a difference to community care services

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

OFFICIALS of a health and social care watchdog are looking for volunteers from West Lancashire to represent the public voice in the county.

Healthwatch Lancashire volunteers are their 'eyes and ears' in local communities and undertake a range of activities to find out what matters to local people when it comes to health and social care and the services we all use.

The organisation is seeking people in the borough to join an existing group of dedicated volunteers helping to make a difference for others by taking part in activities to improve the quality of health and care services.

VALUABLE

Healthwatch Lancashire volunteers recently made a significant contribution across the county by supporting 10 trusts and independent organisations in their annual PLACE (Patient–led Assessments of the Care Environment) assessments.

Sheralee Turner–Birchall, volunteers and project officer manager, said: "The time our volunteers were able to commit to supporting PLACE assessments in Lancashire this year is remarkable. This really demonstrates how Healthwatch Lancashire's dedicated volunteers make a valuable contribution to supporting people in Lancashire when it comes to health and social care."

Healthwatch Lancashire volunteers Selina Coppin and Tim Snashall

Volunteer activities range from raising the profile of the organisation to taking part in assessments, consultations or mystery shopping.

For more information on how to volunteer with Healthwatch Lancashire contact Natalie Cotterell on 01524 230662 or email natalie.cotterell@healthwatchlancashire.co.uk.

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Why the UK should welcome genuine refugees

EVERYONE knows Europe is facing a refugee crisis, it is also a known fact that the world's poorest countries – not the United Kingdom – look after most of the world's refugees.

International and national law makes distinctions between asylum seekers, refugees, legal and illegal migrants. These distinctions are all too easily lost in the media, particularly the likes of the Daily Mail and other tabloids.

One of the leaders at the Office of Budget Responsibilty, Britain's official economic forecaster, Stephen Nickel, states that the NHS would be in dire straits without immigration.

The BMA has about 1,200 medically–qualified refugees on its database. It costs £25,000 to support a refugee doctor to practise in the UK. To train a new doctor is estimated to cost between £200,000 and £250,000.

Stephen Nickel's report, which was only published last year, also says that people who claim that Britain can't take any more migrants because it is a small island are wrong, the urbanised part of Britain occupies less than 10% of the surface area. The urban area of Surrey occupies less space than its golf courses.

30,000 jobs were created in Leicester alone by Ugandan Asians who fled to this country, with nothing, in the 1970s. Some said that they shouldn't be allowed into the country.

I myself sailed on ships that picked up Vietnamese boat people in the South China Sea. After facing hazards such as pirates, storms and unseaworthy boats, we took them to Hong Kong.

These people had worked for the Americans and been promised asylum by the USA. But as the last helicopter rose from the American Embassy roof they were left behind, at the mercy of the North Vietnamese.

Some MPs at the time said that we should not allow them into the country, in much the same way that we have refused asylum to Afghan interpreters who worked with British troops and who have been left at the mercy of the Taliban.

The building of houses is a government priority. They need to build 250,000 a year – last year they built 150,000. To build 230,000 they need an extra 120,000 construction workers. The Home Builders Federation says that first–year trainees fell by half between 2008 and 2013 to fewer than 20,000.

Over the next ten years 700,000 construction workers will be needed to fill the boots of those retiring. The problem is that construction is not seen by enough young British men, or women, as a long–term career, so we need migrants to take up the slack.

J. M. Berry's letter (Champion, September 16) shows that those people who are insecure and fearful over the effects of immigration, preoccupied with vague but long–held ideas about national identity, are driving nativism, populist politics and thus anti–refugee policies that contribute to this crisis.

H. Pennington,
Ormskirk

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Mayor helps 'break the cake'

WEST Lancs Light Railway Chairman, Mike Small, helps West Lancashire's Mayor Cllr Nikki Hennessy 'break the cake' to celebrate the 100th birthday of Joffre – a steam loco that saw action with French Artillery Railways in the First World War.

Picture by MARTYN SNAPE

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Letters criticised play areas NOT homes and gardens

RE: the letter by 'Garden–proud Birch Green resident' (Letters, September 16).

Just to be sure, I have re–read the two emails I have sent to this newspaper on the subject of children's play areas. I suggest you do likewise.

The first one was about children's play areas, then because someone decided to extend the issue to include parks the second one was about play areas and parks.

As your contribution is the first to mention homes and gardens it's a mystery as to why you are upset. They are purely criticisms of the play areas.

I wrote: 'It is noticeable that the areas in Summer St and Birch Green, which are the ones within walking distance of our respective locations, are by comparison, indeed neglected, filthy and disgusting.'

No mention is made of Birch Green homes, gardens or even Birch Green in general. If there was any hint of such criticisms of Birch Green homes you would be entitled to take umbrage. If I had criticised your ability to comprehend what you read, not so much.

Meanwhile, the play areas in question continue to decline due to no maintenance by the council.

David Symons,
Ashurst, Skelmersdale

Ranger Jess deserves praise for a job well done

I DO hope you agree with me when I say that over the last few years Coronation Park in Ormskirk has just got better.

And I, for one, have enjoyed those new events, like the Medieval Festival and Eat to the Beat.

But did you know that they were completely organised by our park ranger, Jess Britch?

Now, she is taking her talents to pastures new, so I would like to say a heartfelt 'thank–you' for all that she has done for Ormskirk.

If you have enjoyed our revitalised Coronation Park and you see her in the park, do stop and say 'thank–you.'

Everyone likes to know that they've got it right – so let's all show our appreciation of a job well done!

C Henderson,
A Friend of Coronation Park

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Action needed NOW on Moor Street gulleys

THE number of pedestrians injured in Ormskirk town centre due to tripping on the newly–installed drain gulleys in Moor Street now stands at around 20.

But these are only the people who have registered a complaint with the county council, many people haven't complained but have tripped and fallen, including one poor lady who was scalped (the skin on her scalp being lifted back about four inches).

Another woman, the manager of a local bakery, broke her ankle and bones in her hand and is still recovering.

The county council previously said to me that the deep gulleys would be replaced with shallower ones around September this year. But I now hear that apparently they won't be replaced until January 2016 at the earliest!

Could someone senior from the county council please respond to the numerous letters of concern on this topic?

We need shallower gulleys NOW before another 40 or so pedestrians get injured and crippled while walking in Moor Street over the coming months, when icy and snowy conditions will no doubt make matters much worse.

Ormskirk shopper,
by email

Still waiting for answers on Ormskirk's traffic problems

IT was pleasing to read the article by County Councillor Fillis (Champion, August 26) to see he is trying to progress traffic problems in Lancashire, but when will we see something being done nearer to his home in Ormskirk?

Since June 4, I, on behalf of Protect Rural Ormskirk, have been emailing and even posting a copy of these emails through his door but have yet to receive an acknowledgement or reply.

The traffic situation in Ormskirk could be significantly improved with minor changes – most of which Cllr. Fillis is well aware of, but nothing is being done.

The West Lancs Highways and Transport Masterplan is being put forward as the future but this is very general and will only start in 2017. Can we put up with this for another inactive two years?

I have asked for meetings with Cllr. Fillis but these have been avoided. I do hope that the letters Cllr. Fillis has written to the various MPs get a better response than we have had from him.

A. Syder,
chair, Protect Rural Ormskirk

A parking puzzle

I WOULD be interested to know why cars are allowed to park all over Ormskirk on double yellow lines without displaying blue disabled badges on their windscreens.

I have yet to see a fine ticket displayed on even one of them. This happens every day of the week.

Are the traffic wardens not doing their job, or should we borrow one from Southport where they are more efficient?

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A. E. Millington, Ormskirk

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The Skelmersdale Prize Band at the National Finals in Cheltenham

Prize band do region proud at national finals

AFTER months of preparation and fundraising, Skelmersdale Prize Band travelled to Cheltenham to represent the North West at the National Brass Band Championship Finals in Cheltenham.

Performing 'Visions' by Dan Price, the band – which is comprised of musicians from throughout West Lancs – did well to be placed seventh out of the 19 bands competing on the day, a creditable result of which they were proud.

Qualification for the finals came after the band's triumph in Blackpool earlier this year when they achieved a second place at the regional contests held at the Winter Gardens.

The finals also showcased the talents of new conductor, Karl Stott, who joined the band after predecessor Dave Chapman, left to take up a new job in Mexico.

A spokesman for the band said: "This pleasing result was earned thanks to months of hard work by both band members and Karl. Thanks must also go to previous conductor Dave Chapman for securing the platform on which Karl could build a band ready to compete against such fantastic rivals from around the country – a challenge that he met with enthusiasm and flair.

"The efforts of both the band and conductor were rewarded by plenty of positive comments from adjudicators John Doyle and Glyn Williams on the day."

Now, the band are looking forward to the start of the contesting season, beginning in Rochdale in October, followed by the busy festive period.

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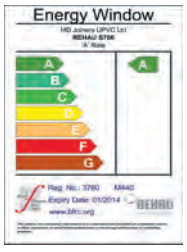

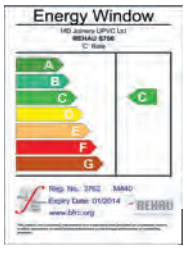

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John wins top role with landowners association

A FORMER West Lancashire–based farm machinery company employee has been appointed to a top regional role with a national organisation dedicated to defending the interests of landowners.

John Clarke (pictured) has been appointed territory manager for Lancashire and Cumbria by the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) which represents landowners, farmers and rural businesses in England and Wales.

The 38–year–old father–of–two, who worked for farm machinery dealer Clarke and Pulman in Burscough for nine years, is graduate of Myerscough College who has spent the majority of his working life in the

agricultural trade, including several years as a herdsman for a 350–cow dairy farm in Gloucestershire.

He said: "Farmers are facing tough trading conditions at the moment with many dairy, livestock and arable businesses all struggling to make ends meet. It's at times like this that membership of an organisation like the CLA, which lobbies government extensively on behalf of farmers and landowners in the North West, is more important than ever.

"I am very much looking forward to meeting our existing members in the area as well as helping to grow our numbers."

CLA North regional director, Dorothy Fairburn, said: "John has a passion for farming and a keen understanding of the issues facing our members. He will be a real asset to our team in the north and we are delighted to welcome him on board."

MP in talks on future of BBC ahead of Charter Review

ROSIE Cooper has held talks with a leading member of the BBC Trust in her role as chair of the All–Party Parliamentary Media Group.

The West Lancs MP, who succeeded former MP Austin Mitchell as chair of the group in February and was re–elected to the post following the General Election, met with trust chair, Rona Fairhead CBE to discuss the future of the corporation ahead of the Charter Review next year.

During the meeting in parliament the pair discussed the review and the recent licence fee settlement.

Rosie Cooper said: "The next 12 months are fundamental in determining the structure of the BBC, its oversight and its role in our society.

"I am a great believer in the BBC and very conscious that it needs to continually evolve. The way the public consume news and entertainment is changing and the BBC must continue to respond to developing technologies and an evolving media market.

"It has been very helpful to hear from Rona Fairhead about the work of the BBC Trust and its expectations for the Charter Review. I look forward to their continued engagement with the All–Party Parliamentary Media Group during this process."

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Rosie's campaign star

ROSIE Cooper has been given her own star on the Guide Dogs' Pavement Parking Walk of Fame after she attended an event in support of the charity's campaign to stop cars parking on pavements.

The charity wants people living with sight loss to be able to feel confident and independent when they are out and about. They believe that vehicles parked on pavements put the blind and partially sighted in danger.

The event highlighted the problems faced daily by guide dog owners who are forced to walk into the road to avoid cars blocking their path.

MPs heard from one guide dog owner who had even considered giving up his dog because of the constant obstructions he faced when out and about.

Pavement parking is already an offence in London, but the rules in the rest of the country are complex and patchy, leaving drivers uncertain of where they can and cannot park.

Guide Dogs is calling for the introduction of comprehensive laws across the UK which will outlaw pavement parking but allow local councils to grant an exemption in areas where pavement parking is unavoidable.

Rosie Cooper said: "Current laws on pavement parking are often confusing for motorists, dangerous for vulnerable road users and costly for councils who are having to repair damaged pavements.

Rosie Cooper pictured with Guide Dogs campaigners

"It is important that local authorities have the power and choice to manage local streets but I also believe that this patchwork of rules on pavement parking needs to be reformed so there is greater national consistency.

"I will continue to work with Guide Dogs to campaign for and implement a bill in Parliament to tackle the issue of pavement parking."

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Windfarm plan at final stages

Report by **Holly Rummens**

AN energy company has confirmed it is now progressing with the final stages of putting together a planning application for 12 wind turbines, across a large area of farmland bordering West Lancashire.

Coriolis Energy put forward a revised proposal in July to build a string of wind turbines, each the height of Liverpool's Radio City Tower, on Lower Alt, located on farmland to the north east of Ince Blundell and west of Lydiate.

Lower Alt was the site of proposals put forward by Coriolis Energy in 2013 when the company submitted plans to build 24 turbines at the site, but which were rejected following objections from both Sefton and West Lancashire residents.

Coriolis is now proposing a revised scheme with a reduced number of turbines.

The plan is to build 12 turbines, a wind monitoring mast, an on site substation, under ground cables and access tracks in Lower Alt.

Coriolis have since carried out several consultation events across Sefton to gather the publics opinion on the proposal.

A spokesperson for Coriolis said: "Following the recent consultation events for the proposed Lower Alt Wind Farm, development partners Coriolis Energy and ESB are now progressing with the final stages of putting together a planning application for submission later in the year.

"Feedback from the events has been fed into this design process and we are grateful for everyone who came to the exhibitions and provided comments.

"The proposed scheme is a wind farm to the south of Great Altcar, east of Formby and west of Lydiate.

"The number of turbines in the plans was halved from 24 to 12 following the initial round of consultation with the minimum distance from local housing to the turbines increased significantly in response to local community comments.

"If consented, the wind farm will represent a substantial investment in the north west region.

"On top of potential local jobs created during construction it will also provide a community benefit fund of between £150,000 and £210,000 per year which can be put to use supporting local causes for the lifetime of the project."

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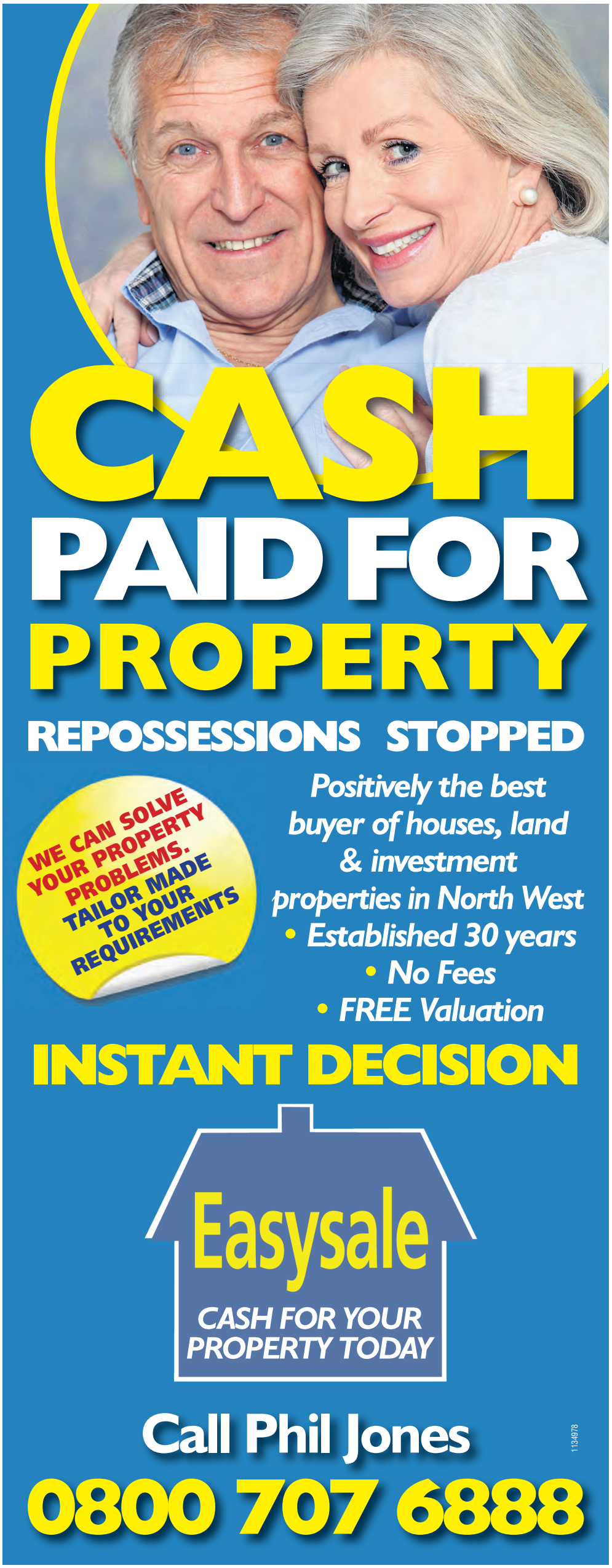

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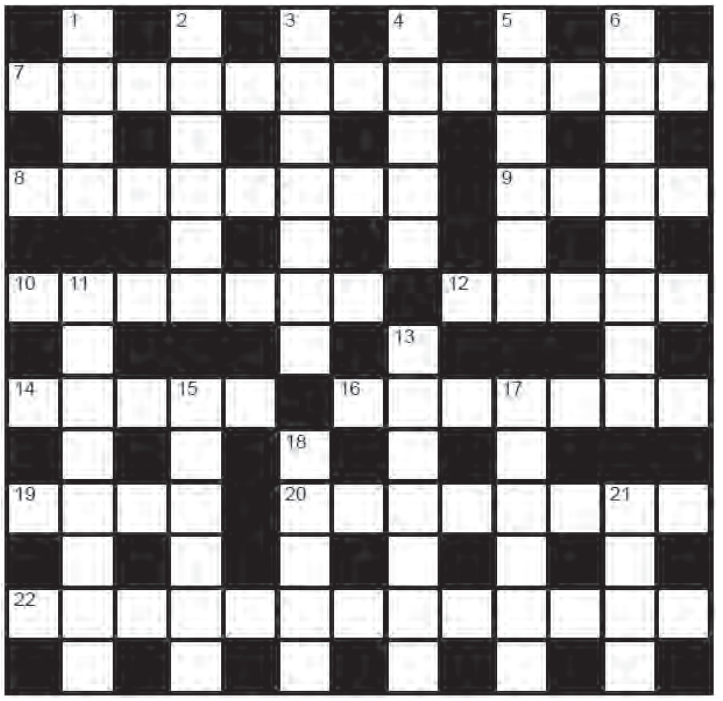

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ACROSS

7 Latest version (of a device or product) (5,2,3,3)
8 Able to be used (8)
9 Exchange something for money (4)
10 Segregated area in a courtroom (4,3)
12 Eccentric person (5)
14 Pleasantly warm weather (5)
16 Well-beaten competitor (4-3)
19 A separate division of a hospital (4)
20 Extortionate (8)
22 Having assumed a role without the endorsement of others (4-9)

DOWN

1 To cease (4)
2 Solidly built (6)
3 Not intellectual (7)
4 Iron alloy used as structured material (5)
5 Official authorised to examine printed material or films before publication (6)
6 Country formerly known as Ceylon (3,5)
11 By surprise (8)
13 Short jacket with tightly-drawn waist (7)
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Care trust staff encouraged to tackle fitness programme

Free workspace project aims to promote healthier lifestyle

HEALTH trust bosses are encouraging staff to take part in a free workplace activity programme that challenges participants to see if they can achieve the equivalent of exercising their way to Goa in 90 days.

The 'Get to Goa' project is led by Sport and Physical Activity (SPA) @ Work which aims to get staff from organisations fit and active in order to live a healthier lifestyle.

Staff at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust have signed up to the programme to lead by example for people using their services.

The programme offers a platform to log any exercise undertaken each day, from daily steps to fitness classes. It then works out the calories you have burnt and the progress you have made on a virtual map.

It's easy to navigate and bases the findings on your height, weight and age. You can take part anonymously, as part of a team or solo and can track your progress against other colleagues.

The challenge can be completed by anyone whatever their level of fitness is.

Joanne Smith, health co–ordinator at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We feel it is important to set a good example to the people who use our services to encourage them to lead a healthier lifestyle.

"The 'Get to Goa' programme is a great way to get active in a free and fun way. It's tailored to all fitness levels and will help build your confidence when it comes to exercising.

"We are encouraging and supporting all our staff to take part and hope this inspires our service users too."

Book awards scheme launched

A BOOK awards scheme for primary school children across Lancashire is now underway.

More than 120 teachers from throughout the county attended the offical launch of the Fantastic Book Awards initiative by children's author, Mo O'Hara at the Woodlands Conference Centre in Chorley on Wednesday, September 23.

It is hoped the awards, which will run until May 2016, will involve thousands of children from Lancashire schools.

The aim is to support reading for pleasure and enjoyment by introducing newly–published fiction titles to pupils aged between nine and 11 who will then be encouraged to meet and discuss them at informal book clubs.

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, Lancashire's cabinet member for environment, planning and cultural services, said: "This is a tremendous initiative which has my full support. Research tells us that interest in reading sadly declines considerably when children move on from primary to secondary school.

"We are fully committed to maintaining the high levels and standards of literacy here in Lancashire."

Nature reserve orchard to stage second Apple Weekend event

THERE'S a chance to enjoy a 'taste' of nature on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11 when the Gorse Hill Nature Reserve in Aughton opens its 85–acre orchard to the public for an Apple Weekend.

The heritage orchard site was set up as a charitable trust in 1996, when it was developed and managed for the benefit of wildlife.

The orchard contains 95 apple trees, as well as a selection of pear and plum trees.

Some of the varieties date back to the 1700s and include the variations Howgate Wonder, Lord Derby and Bramley Seedling as culinary varieties and Ellison's Orange and Rosemary Russet as dessert apples.

The event is the second to be held at the orchard and will feature tours of the site, as well as demonstrations of apple pressing and opportunities to taste and buy both juice and apples.

An apple harvest at Gorse Hill

Refreshments will also be on sale and a new attraction this year will be children's activities led by a local storyteller.

Reserve manager, Jonathan Atkins, said: "We had a very successful weekend last year, our first two–day event, and we were blessed with fine weather.

"We're hoping that this year even more people will find time to visit our working orchard.

"So far this autumn we've had a good crop from our early varieties and we're so grateful for the support from the local community and our volunteers."

The event will run from 11am until 4pm on both days at the reserve on Holly Lane, off Gaw Hill Lane.

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Fun–packed month in store in borough parks

SUMMER may be well and truly over for another year but there are still plenty of fun actvities to be enjoyed in West Lancashire's parks in October.

The council rangers' free events for the month start on Saturday, October 3 with a clean–up around the former Lydiate station on the Cheshire Lines path.

People wishing to take part should meet at the station off Altcar Lane at 10am.

On Sunday, October 11 visitors to Beacon Country Park can enjoy 'Fantastic Foraging and Fungi' with David Winnard.

There's a chance to join David and the rangers from 10am as they look for amazing species of fungi and plants on a walk around the park. They will be seeking out some wild edibles, as well as looking for the things to avoid.

This will be followed by a similar event at Coronation Park, Ormskirk, on Saturday, October 17, starting at 2pm.

Members of the public are welcome to both events and there is no need to book in advance.

Meanwhile, in the countdown to Halloween you can try your hand at carving scary pumpkins on Monday, October 26, at Coronation Park, Ormskirk, starting at 2pm.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen

And pumpkin carving sessions are also planned for Stanley Coronation Park, Skelmersdale, on Monday, October 26 at 10am and Richmond Park Burscough at 2pm on Tuesday, October 27.

Booking is essential for the pumpkin carving. To reserve your place call 01695 570258 or 01695 622794.

The pumpkins will be dotted around Coronation Park, Ormskirk, on Halloween night and the best three will be given a prize that night.

There are plenty of scary goings on planned for the free Halloween extravaganza between 6 and 8pm on Saturday, October 31, including walks through the woods with vampires and ghosts.

Spooky

There will also be a spooky costumes competition and rock band 909 will provide musical entertainment to sing and dance along to.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "Halloween night in Coronation Park, Ormskirk, will be a fantastic night of entertainment for all the family.

"There are other great free events in our parks this month so make sure you come along and enjoy them."

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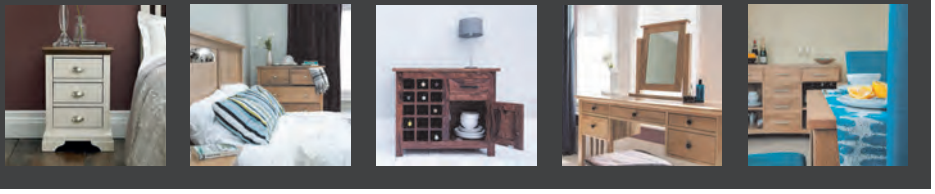

CARE package memories sought

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs residents are being encouraged to help mark the 70th anniversary of one of the world's leading aid agencies by sharing their own memories of a food parcel relief operation at the end of the Second World War.

The Co–operative for American Remittances to Europe (CARE) was launched in 1945 with American citizens paying $10 to send a CARE Package to someone in what was war–torn Europe.

To commemorate these acts of one person supporting another person thousands of miles away in their time of need, CARE are seeking people to record their recollections of receiving one of the packages containing corned beef, tinned fruit, sugar and dried milk.

And West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper is urging local residents who received a package, or know someone who did, to share their

Rosie Cooper

experiences as part of the CARE Then and Now campaign.

She said: "In the aftermath of the Second World War tens of thousands of Britons received packages containing food supplies from Americans.

"As Britain emerged from six years of war many families will have relied on these food parcels to get by. There will have been items in these packages that young children would have been seeing and eating for the first time having lived with rationing.

"These stories are all part of our social history and need to be told so future generations understand the struggles previous generations endured and that those able to help them did so through many acts of human kindness.

"Whilst the world has changed considerably in 70 years this anniversary commemorating the acts of thousands of Americans offering kindness and support to those affected by war is a timely reminder."

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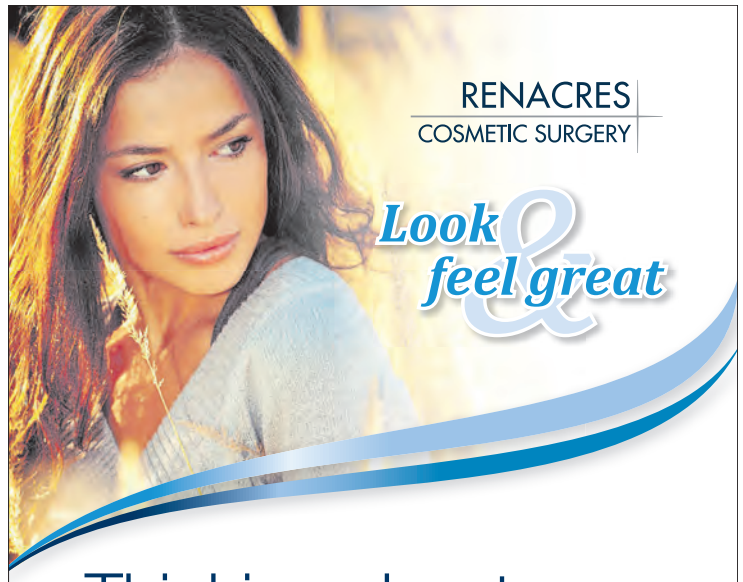

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Smokers urged to sign up to Stoptober campaign

SMOKERS in West Lancs are being urged to quit the habit for good next month as part of the 'Stoptober' campaign.

Across Lancashire, 19.8% of the population smokes, which is higher than the national average.

Stoptober is a national campaign organised by Public Health England and supported locally by Lancashire County Council.

County Councillor Lorraine Beavers, the council's lead member for health, said: "I hope people take up the Stoptober challenge and give up for good.

"Smoking is the major cause of poor health across Lancashire. More than 192,000 people in the county smoke and although this number is reducing year–on–year, that's still more than the national average.

"It's also a concern that 11% of young people smoke.

"It's not easy to stop smoking. I used to smoke but gave up with the help of my local stop smoking service.

"Stoptober has proven incredibly successful in getting people to quit. You are four times more likely to quit with help from your stop smoking service, so give them a call today and make your Stoptober promise.

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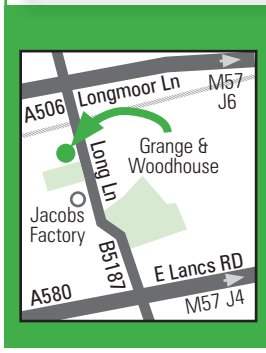

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Funding for five flood pumps to end in 2017

Environment Agency confirms closures

The map shows, in red, the five stations which will have their funding cut in September 2017

By Danielle Thompson

THE Environment Agency has confirmed that funding for five pumps in Alt Crossens will stop in September 2017.

Last week, following a number of public information days, the agency issued a formal letter to start the two–year notice period before it stops funding the five pumps.

The agency will continue work closely with the NFU, landowners and a range of other organisations and people to investigate options for the future funding of the five pumps, which are in Kew, Banks Marsh, Boundary Brook, Clay Brow and at the Rufford Causeway.

Alternative options include the development of a new internal drainage board; the maintenance of watercourses and pumping by co–operatives; beneficiaries to fund continued operation or decommissioning and mitigation.

An Internal Drainage Board (IDB) is a local public authority established in areas of special drainage need, which has the power to manage water levels within their respective area.

Andy Brown, Environment Agency flood risk manager, said: "We have carried out extensive modelling and engagement with local residents and business owners in the area.

"I would like to reassure the local community that this has shown that there is no increased risk of internal flooding to residential property, if the pumping stations cease to operate.

"We are committed to working to explore alternative options for local land drainage management.

"It is important that a way forward is agreed and put in place before the end of September 2017."

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Village talent show raises £200 for cancer charity

THIS year's Aughton's Got Talent – the fifth – has been hailed as a success thanks to a combinaton of the excellent standard of the performers and a guest appearance by Britain's Got Talent contestant Paul Manners.

Organised by former Aughton Parish Council chairman, Dr David Gallagher and held at the village hall, the event was presided over by Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy and also raised £200 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Dr Gallagher, who opted to raise funds for the charity after his sister and cousin were affected by cancer, was full of praise for all the contestants and particularly Paul Manners who drove up from London to perform his own songs, Hold You in My Arms, Soca 'Til The Morning Comes and Inspirational.

He said: "Paul Manners was truly inspirational and special thanks must go also to head Judge Eunice Woof MBE and fellow judges Polly Manley, Alan, George Holland and Claire Williams. While Aughton parish councillors Mark Gibbons and Julia Woolgar helped with the raffle.

"I'm also indebted to Steve Moorcroft and Stephen Cooke for help with the organisation and 14–year–old Zack Al–Ramadhan who built the the judges' desk."

The results were as follows:
Soloists category: 1st Jack Alistair for Feeling Good and The Impossible Dream; 2nd and Special Award Erin Howard (Believe and Don't Rain on My Parade); Joint 3rd Millie–Mae (It Must Have Been Love & Zombie) and Stan Livingstone (What a Wonderful World & I Left My Heart in San Francisco).
Classical section: 1st Eleanor Rowlandson (Come Home Father & Christopher Robin is Saying his Prayers; 2nd Louis Melvin (If I Only Had a Heart & Where is Love?).
Musicians category: 1st Marilla Dobson; 2nd Katy Bonney.
Best band category: 1st The Unchartered(Thomas Wharton, Ciaran Gaffney and Heath Campbell for Smells Like Teen Spirit, I Love Rock 'n' Roll, No More Mr Nice Guy and Locked Out of Heaven).

The Aughton's Got Talent Cup, decided by public vote from the audience, was awarded to Erin Howard.

Britain's Got Talent contestant Paul Manners with Aughton's Got Talent Cup winner Erin Howard

How do you think we should spend CIL monies?

West Lancashire Borough Council want to know your views on how the money we are collecting from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on new development should be spent in 2016/17. The money must be used to improve infrastructure such as parks, play areas, outdoor sports facilities, cycle paths, transport projects and community facilities which are needed to support new development in the Borough.

We have put forward three options on how we might spend the money, including shortlisting five projects that the money might be spent on. These five projects involve the creation of allotments in Skelmersdale and in Burscough, improvements to public open space in Ormskirk, improvements to a nature reserve in Haskayne and an extension to community facilities in Halsall and have been identified from a much larger list of over 100 potential projects suggested to us previously. The options include spending most of the money in 2016/17, saving all of the money to create a bigger pot of funding to spend on larger projects in future years or spending some and saving some.

We want to know your views on how this money should be spent.
- **Which option should we follow?**
- **Do you agree with the projects we've shortlisted?**
- **Are there any other projects we should consider?**

Send us your comments between Thursday 1 October and Friday 30 October

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Quit Squad geared up to raise drivers' awareness of new law on smoking in cars

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

MEMBERS of a care trusts's anti–smoking group are aiming to raise awareness ahead of the new law on smoking in cars due to come into force on October 1.

From that date drivers and passengers in England and Wales will be fined £50 if found smoking in a car with anyone under the age of 18 present because of the damage this can do to their health.

The Quit Squad at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust is raising awareness about the change in the law which aims to protect children and teenagers from second–hand smoke.

The law will apply to any vehicle that is enclosed wholly or partly by a roof and still applies if the windows or sun roof is down or if the air conditioning is on.

If caught breaking the new law it's not only the driver who could be fined. The smoker could also be fined £50 and this applies to every driver in England and Wales including those aged 17 and those with a provisional driving licence.

Drivers who smoke with children in the car can be fined from next month (photo posed by models)

Health issues'

The law does not apply if the driver is 17 years old and is on their own in the car.

Julie Trezise, Quit Squad manager for Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust said: "'Many people aren't aware of second–hand smoke because 80% of it is invisible and odourless.

"Over time exposure to second–hand smoke can cause serious health issues like cancer and heart disease in non–smokers; it can also cause breathing problems such as coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath.

"The only way to completely protect children, friends and family from it is to ensure you have a smoke–free home and to quit smoking for good. Our friendly team are on hand to help and support those who want to stop smoking and can also help quitting e–cigarettes."

Second–hand smoke contains 4,000 chemicals which are in the smoke exhaled during smoking and the smoke created by the end of a lit cigarette.

Irritants and toxins that are found in secondhand smoke include arsenic, which can be found in rat poison; benzene, which is found in petrol fumes and can cause leukemia; and cyanide, which is poisonous and an industrial pollutant.

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It's good to see that I can think other than twaddle – and now some properly eminent people are agreeing with me that health MOTs for those of us over 40 are not only "ineffective" but also a waste of time.

Well, they didn't exactly say that – they said they were a waste of money that could far better be spent elsewhere.

They also said that there is no evidence that health checks will make me, or anyone else who feels OK, less likely to either contract a long–term illness or, indeed, shuffle off this mortal coil altogether.

And this is a proper report by the University of Liverpool and the London School of Economics – and I bet those who wrote it have a bucketful of 'ologies between them too.

My GP, on the one time I was forced to visit him having been bullied into having a flu jab (actually not a bad idea at all) said that according to the book of words he should put me on statins.

But he didn't – because he thought that if he did my energy levels might well drop and I would walk less far with dogs Tina and Cinders.

The folk from Liverpool University and the LSE considered I might well eat more and put on weight – and like my GP implied, that I was better off the way I am.

It's difficult to work out what the NHS really thinks on the subject.

They stand by the idea that regular checks are a good thing – but many folk in the DHSS agree that these checks are "costly and ineffective."

So you pays your money and you takes your choice. In this case, a personal MOT or more money to be spent on research and nurses.

Anyway, enough of this controversial subject – for now.

On a lighter note, I wonder how many of our readers watch the TV soap, Emmerdale?

Actually, this touches upon what I was saying about bus timetabling a couple of weeks ago too.

But I somehow doubt that the inhabitants of the village have to worry about that anyway. (And they seem to have escaped the government–inspired building frenzy too!)

Last night I watched Emmerdale and there was a young man and woman at the village bus shelter.

And quite clearly in shot was the timetable case – which apparently shows no less than eight services visiting the village – even though the only folk whoever seem to catch a bus are schoolchildren.

But better than that, it was also apparent that many buses on each service trundle through the narrow street – so not just at school times either.

I've nattered on before about the simple historical inaccuracies in films when it comes to public transport such as Routemaster buses depicted in the 1940s, long before they took to the road.

Anyway, returning to Emmerdale, have you noticed that when a bus does arrive it is always travelling in the same direction?

Or that there are not only a surfeit of bus services, but quite a few different bus companies involved as well?

At least the bus stop featured in Corry's Wetherfield, shows quite clearly places around Manchester and Salford that 'their' bus is headed for – and a realistic number of them throughout the day as well.

Perhaps the best advice to the bus bereft people of Lydiate is to move hotfoot to Emmerdale.

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Date set for NHS trust meeting

THE Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust will hold its next board meeting on Wednesday, October 7 starting at 9am.

This will be in the boardroom of the corporate office at Southport and Formby District General Hospital and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the meeting.

Anyone with a special requirement should contact the trust in advance on 01704 704783.

The agenda will be available on the trust website in advance of the meeting and supporting papers will be made available on the day.

Online survey to see how patients travel to health appointments

Findings to be used to identify if and where services can be improved

AN online research exercise to discover how patients in the county travel to healthcare appointments has been launched.

Healthwatch Lancashire's Your Care and Getting There campaign aims to to gather views from members of the public on how they travel to primary health and care services including GP practices, dentists, health centres, opticians and pharmacies and the impact this has on attending appointments.

The team will be engaging with residents in various locations across the county to collect the views of the public to find out what issues they face when it comes to getting to appointments and health and care services in Lancashire.

The findings of the research will be shared with those who manage and commission health and social care services in the county to identify where services can be improved.

Neil Greaves, Healthwatch Lancashire communications manager, said: "The campaign aims to find out what really matters to people in Lancashire when it comes to accessing primary healthcare services and gather valuable intelligence which can be used to ensure people receive the care they want and deserve.

"By speaking to members of the public we can start to really understand the issues and concerns our communities are experiencing when accessing and getting to healthcare services and appointments."

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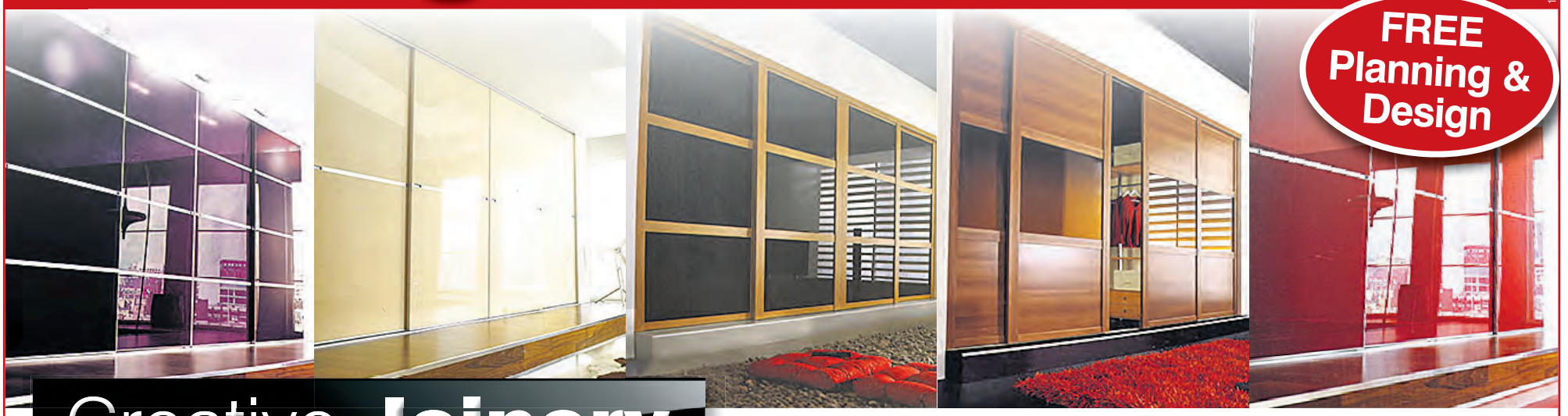

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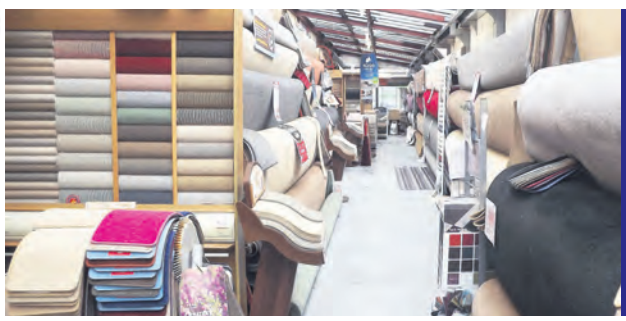

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A taste of local history

PAUL Kenyon, chairman of the Lathom Park Trust, gave a guided tour of the park to members of the Formby University of the Third Age's (U3A) historical group.

During the event he outlined the history of Lathom from early times through to the 1920s, when the park was sold.

Afterwards the visitors enjoyed refreshments supplied by the Ladies of Lathom Park Chapel in return for a small donation towards ongoing chapel maintenance costs.

• RIGHT: The group pictured outside Lathom Park Chapel

Invite to walkers

MEMBERS of a walking club are inviting West Lancs residents to join them on a series of circular walks this autumn.

The ACTion Walkers, who meet up for easy–to–moderate five–mile walks, are hosting a series of treks around the borough during October, November and December.

The scheduled walks, which all start from Aughton Village Hall on Winifred Lane at 1pm, are as follows: Clieves Hill (Saturday, October 10); Edge Hill campus (October 17); Three Farms and a canal (October 25); Downholland (November 7); Melling (November 21); Bickerstaffe (December 5) and Lydiate (Sunday, December 13).

Walks and refreshments are free but donations for Queenscourt Hospice are taken at the end of the walks and walkers are given a cup of tea at the end of each walk.

There is no need to book. For more details email actionwalkers@gmail.com.

Hobnob coffee club welcomes new members

ORGANISERS of an informal 'social club' for people of all ages have unveiled their programme of events for autumn and are inviting all interested members of the public to go along and join them.

The Hobnob coffee club meets at Aughton Village Hall in Winifred Lane on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 11am for members to enjoy a chat and a cuppa and make new friends.

On Wednesday, October 14 they will be entertained by the Aughton U3A choir and on October 28 a guest speaker from Galloway's Society for the Blind will attend to give practical advice and exhibit items including specialist lighting and large print books.

The group will host a practical art session on November 11 with the opportunity to try drawing and painting with various materials.

And the final two meetings of 2015 will be devoted to Christmas preparations with a demonstration and tips on gift wrapping on November 25 and ideas for festive decorations on December 9.

New volunteers and members are always welcome. For more details email Julia at actprojects2015@gmail.com.

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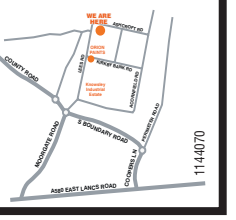

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Young performers wanted for Empire's new musical theatre group

YOUNG performers from West Lancashire are wanted to join the Liverpool Empire Youth Musical Theatre Company.

Following on from the success of this year's Youth Theatre production of Legally Blonde, the Empire's creative learning department are looking for singers, performers and dancers aged 14 to 21 to join their performing arts clubs.

This year they are combining the Youth Theatre and Youth Dance companies to create one new company, the Liverpool Empire Youth Musical Theatre Company.

Participants will meet weekly and work with the creative team to create and perform sections of performance from a number of well–known musicals as part of a full scale showcase performance to coincide with the Empire's 150th birthday celebrations.

Creative learning manager, Natalie Flynn, said: "Our performing arts groups offer young people of all backgrounds from our community an opportunity to experience what real professional auditions and rehearsals feel like, as well as performing in full–scale musical productions on the prestigious Empire stage.

"It prepares them for the world of work, particularly within the theatre industry and many of those involved go on to pursue professional careers in performing arts."

Ellie Clayton, who played Elle Woods in the Youth Theatre's production of Legally Blonde, now studies at the Royal Central School of Speech & Drama.

She said: "Being a part of the Youth Theatre Company was amazing. I'm so thankful for all of the support I had from the creative team. They believed in me and pushed me to achieve my dreams.

"Being a part of the Empire's Youth Theatre Company has given me the experience and confidence that helped towards securing my place at Central."

To audition, download an application form, available at www.atgtickets.com /liverpool by clicking on the Creative Learning tab or email natalieflynn@ theambassadors.com

Auditions are free but applicants must complete and return an application by 4pm on October 5. Applicants will be notified of their audition time via email no later than Friday, October 9.

Places are strictly limited so people are advised to get their application in as soon as possible.

For more information about the Youth Musical Theatre Company, visit atgtickets.com/Liverpool and click on the 'Creative Learning' tab.

Tickets going fast for police open weekend

THERE'S still time to register for free tickets for the Lancashire Constabulary open weekend on Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4 – but hurry, there's not many left!

The event runs from 10am to 4pm on both days at the force headquarters in Hutton but you have to register at https://lancsopenday .eventbrite.co.uk.

Last year's event attracted more than 16,000 people from across the county over the two days and this year organisers are hoping the event will be even bigger and better.

There will be plenty to see and do. You can have your fingerprints taken or visit the crime scene selfie station; pop into the wildlife and rural marquee and view the reptiles; watch the dog and mounted displays or listen to talks on cyber–crime.

And there's a kids' fancy dress competition with a chance to win one kiddie zoom camera each day for the best dressed child, who turns up in an emergency services outfit.

There will also be exhibitions by Lancashire Fire and Rescue, the North West Ambulance Service, the Environment Agency, the Army, G4S, the Coastguard, Bay Search and Rescue, the Bowland Trust Mountain Rescue and others.

The event is funded by money seized from criminals in Lancashire and so is free to the public. Visitors will be able to 'access all areas' to understand how crimes are investigated and see the work the force is doing to keep the communities of Lancashire safe.

Chief Constable Steve Finnigan said: "Events such as these are vital in building up openness, trust, understanding and confidence in our communities and better still, this one is being paid for by the criminals themselves."

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Opening of Let It Be just over a week away

IT is just over a week now till Let It Be opens at the Royal Court Theatre in Liverpool.

The show which celebrates the music of The Beatles comes to their hometown to mark the official re–launch of the multi–million pound refurbishment of the Royal Court Theatre in Liverpool.

Direct from London's West End, Let It Be will run for 5½ weeks from Thursday, October 8 to Saturday, November 14. The opening is also set to coincide with John Lennon's 75th birthday which falls on Friday, October 9.

Paul Canning will play John, with Emanuele Angeletti as Paul, Luke Roberts as Ringo and John Brosnan as George.

The smash hit production that established itself as one of the West End's most popular shows when the production originally opened at the Prince of Wales Theatre in September 2012, where it recouped its initial investment after just 18 weeks before transferring for a year–long run at the Savoy Theatre from January 2013 – February 2014. The show has recently returned to the West End for an eight month run at the Garrick Theatre.

Seen by over one million people worldwide, Let It Be continues to delight audiences across the globe, having recently performed to audiences in Germany, Japan, Moscow, and France.

Let It Be showcases the music of the world's most successful rock 'n' roll band, in a spectacular concert charting the band's meteoric rise from their humble beginnings in Liverpool's Cavern Club.

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Ex–Fleetwood Mac guitarist to appear at town's theatre

EX–FLEETWOOD Mac guitarist, Rick Vito, will join Rumours of Fleetwood Mac at Southport Theatre on Wednesday, November 11 at 7.30pm.

Rick, who first performed with Fleetwood Mac in 1987, and appeared on the legendary Tango in the Night tour, Behind the Mask and Greatest Hits albums, will drop in to the RFM musical line–up.

RFM has been described as the world's leading Fleetwood Mac tribute show.

"It's going to be tremendous fun," said Rick. "I met the guys last year and we hit it off straight away. They are all great musicians and they really manage to capture the live spirit of Fleetwood Mac. Something which is very important to me. I can't wait. If it goes well, I'll aim to be back for more shows in 2016."

Allan Cosgrove, RFM drummer, added: "Wow! Rick Vito performing live on stage with us. It can't get any better."

Rick Vito is a Grammy nominated guitarist and performer who has been active in the music industry since the 1970's, having worked as a solo artist, songwriter, session musician, and as a member of the bands of John Mayall, Bonnie Raitt, Bob Seger, Jackson Browne, Roger McGuinn and many other R&R Hall of Fame artists.

He is probably best known as an official member of Fleetwood Mac from 1987 to 1991, and more recently as the front man for the Mick Fleetwood Blues Band. Rick is also the recipient of the W. C. Handy Award and has eight solo CDs, and two solo DVDs in his long list of credits.

Having performed to over a million fans since they formed over a decade ago, Rumours of Fleetwood Mac returns to the UK in late 2015 and early 2016 to launch their new stage production performing in note–for–note detail all the classic hits from one of the most outstanding and enduring catalogues in the history of rock music.

They are recognised internationally as the world's leading Fleetwood Mac tribute show, and have the golden seal of approval from founding member Mick Fleetwood. This show takes people on an epic musical journey through changing eras and styles, from the exciting sound of the 60s London blues scene right through to the staggering commercial success of the 70s and 80s, and beyond.

Rick Veto Code NA

Rumours of Fleetwood Mac perform all the hits live: including Black Magic Woman, Albatross, Go Your Own Way, Dreams, Gypsy, Say You Love Me, Sara, Oh Diane, Little Lies, and Everywhere. More information at www.atgticktes.com/southport

Play looking at America's roaring twenties coming to The Atkinson

BLACKEYED Theatre's new stage adaptation of The Great Gatsby, commissioned to mark the 90th anniversary of the novel's publication comes to The Atkinson in Southport.

Recreating the sights, sounds and feel of America's roaring twenties, as seen through the eyes of Nick Carraway, F. Scott Fitzgerald's masterpiece is a portrayal of a society obsessed with wealth and status.

Adapted by Stephen Sharkey, whose work includes The May Queen (Liverpool Everyman) and The Resistible Rise Of Arturo Ui (Liverpool Playhouse/Nottingham Playhouse), this new production features live music alongside the timeless language of Fitzgerald's Great American Novel to create a fresh and theatrical experience.

Remaining faithful to the spirit and language of the original, this adaptation brings the much–loved novel to life to create a fresh, character–driven piece of theatre. Writer Stephen Sharkey commented: "Like a cocktail–fuelled ride in a fast car, this adaptation moves through F. Scott Fitzgerald's great story of a doomed love and a decadent decade, heading toward its final, inevitable crash."

Director Eliot Giuralarocca said: "Stephen Sharkey has shaped and distilled Fitzgerald's novel into a muscular and narrative–driven portrait of the Jazz Age, full of cool, sexy, stiletto–sharp dialogue as cool as ice in a cocktail.

"Throw into the mix our wonderful design team along with an ensemble of seven fabulously talented actors, who all sing, dance and play instruments, and I hope we have all the ingredients needed to give the audience a wonderful party and bring Fitzgerald's Great American masterpiece roaring into life."

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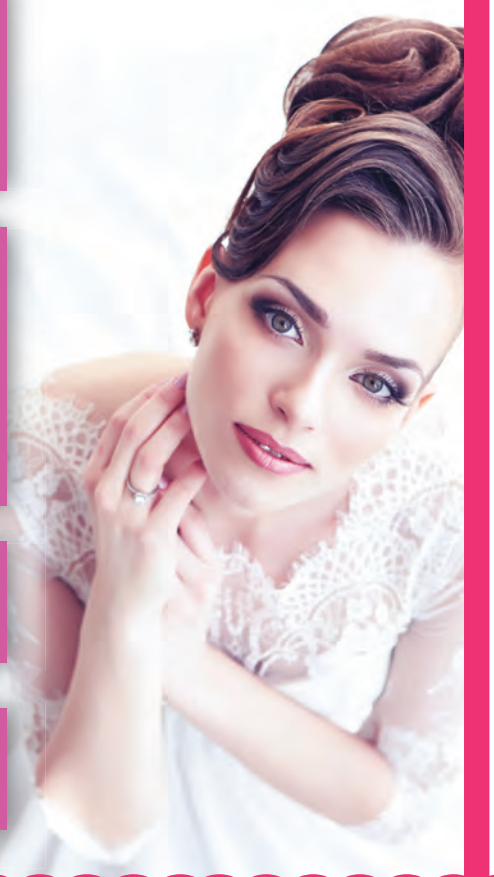

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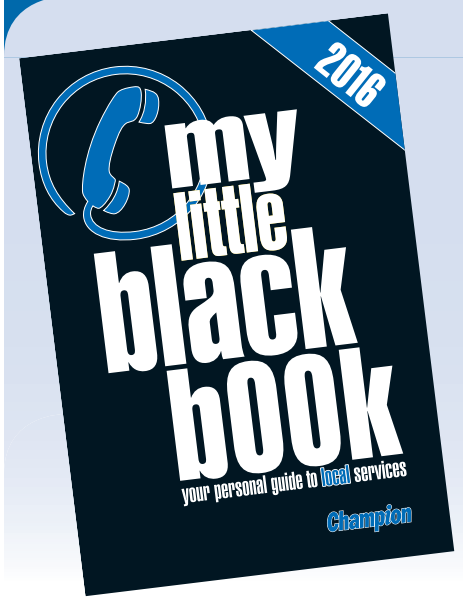

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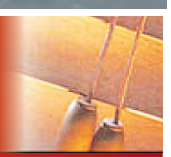

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HARVEY PETER

The family of the late Peter Harvey wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the cards, letters of condolence and donations to the Alzheimers Society. Special thanks to all the district nurses who looked after Peter and family with such care and compassion. Thanks to Father Harrington for a comforting service. Also the staff at Co-operative Funeral Care, Crosby for their dignified funeral arrangements.

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DEATHS

SPENCER Norman James

August 19th 2015

Stanley, Ann and all the family of the late Norman James Spencer wish to thank everyone for their kind words and sympathy shown to them, during their recent bereavement. Special thanks to staff of Stocks Hall, Nursing Home, Skelmersdale, who nursed Norman with kindness and consideration, the palliative nurse specialists from West Lancs, Southport and Formby Care Services. Also to the Macmillan Nurses for their kind support. Many thanks to Reverend Chris Spittle of St. Paul's Church, Skelmersdale, for his caring service and thanks to Devonport Funeral Services, Skelmersdale for their dignified and caring manner shown throughout the funeral arrangements.

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DEATHS

TURNER Billy

23rd September 2015

Peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family. Aged 80 years

Loving Husband of Anne, devoted Dad of Tommy, Maria and Paula. Dear Father in law of Alma, Stephen and Terry, cherished Grandad of Hannah, Sarah, Hayley and Liam and Great Grandad of Max. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at St Richards Church on Thursday 1st October at 10.45am followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only by request, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice or Stocks Carers. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868

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DEATHS

SCOBIE RENEE

24th September 2015

Aged 85 Years

Suddenly but peacefully at home.

Devoted wife, mum, nan and sister. Renee will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 5th October at 11:20am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 82 Station Road, Ainsdale, PR8 3HW. Telephone: 01704 577786.

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IN MEMORIAM

BERKLEY PETER

29th September

1 lonely year ago today

My world it fell
apart Pete,
on that sad and
awful day,
the pain I have
from losing you,
will never go away.
They say that it
gets easier,
I know that isn't true,
the day you left
me sweetheart,
you took my heart
with you.

Love you forever, to
the stars and back P.
Your broken hearted
wife Marie
xx

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PRAYER

Saint Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us, St. Jude worker of miracles pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless pray for us.

Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayers may be answered. Say it for 9 days and it has never been known to fail.

Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude

Instructions:
Light your candle and declare out loud what miracle you need right now. Repeat this prayer 9 times for 9 days. Do this at the same time each day, never skip a day. If you do, you need to start over again. On the 9th day give thanks, and say "So be it." Give it up to Saint Jude and let go of any worry. You will see results in 72 hours. Never use this prayer to manipulate or control anyone. Use it only with the best intentions.

This is the most important part of the entire process YOU MUST pass this miracle prayer onto others. Some people publish it in the paper, others e-mail it to their friends, and others post it a public building.

A.W

DEATHS

SIMPSON Charles Bernard (Charlie)

September 25th 2015

Passed away peacefully at Hollybank Nursing Home.

Loving Husband to Betty and the late Helen. Devoted Dad to Marie, Bernard, Michael, Terence, Joan, Linda and their partners. Dear Grandad and Great Grandad. Loving brother to Josie and Francis. Requiem Mass to take place on Wednesday 7th October 2015 at 11am at St Elizabeth's, Scarisbrick followed by internment in the St Elizabeth's Church. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired to CAFOD. All enquiries to FJ Gibb Funeral Directors, 6A Clarence Road, Birkdale. Tel: 01704 551666.

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DEATHS

ASHALL Trevor James

On 22nd Sept 2015

Peacefully at home in Upholland after a long illness patiently bourne, James, Trevor

Aged 89 years.

Beloved husband of Joyce, devoted father of Charles and the late Johnathan and a much loved Grandad of Christopher. The funeral service and committal will take place on Friday 2nd October at 10.30am at St Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired c/o & all enquiries to W.Banks of Orrell, Sefton Villa, Sefton Road, Orrell. 01695 622272

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DEATHS

COLEBORN Sheila (nee Reekie)

15th September
Suddenly in hospital

Fought so bravely against the illness that engulfed her frail body.

Will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

Loved so much by husband Brian and daughter Moira.

Funeral service at The Garden of Rest, Thornton on Friday 2nd October at 3.20pm. Flowers and donations to The Alzheimers Society.

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DEATHS

SUTCH Brenda

Passed away peacefully with her family by her side on 22nd September 2015, aged 83 years

Loving Mum of Eileen, Susan, Edna, Andrew, Lynn, Paul and Karen. Devoted Grandma to all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren, and a special thank you to her sister Winnie. Funeral service to take place on Friday 2nd October 2015 at St Paul's Church, Skelmersdale at 10.45am followed by committal at Southport Crematorium at 12.00pm. Family flowers only please but donations if so desired to R.N.L.I. Blackpool Station. For further enquiries please contact Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Telephone 01695 572997.

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IN MEMORIAM

LINDEN Sandra Joyce (nee Ribbens)

28th September 2011
4 Years Today

God looked around his
garden, and he found an
empty place,
He looked down upon
the earth and saw your
tired face,
He put his arms around
you, and lifted you to rest,
God's garden must
be beautiful, he always
takes the best.
It broke our heart to
lose you, but you didn't
go alone,
As part of us went with
you, the day God called
you home.

We miss you Sanny

From your loving sisters
Frere & Yvonne xx

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PRAYER

HOLY SPIRIT

You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideals. You, who gave the Divine Gift to forgive and forget all that is done to me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in their perpetual glory. To that end, and submitting to God's Holy Will, I ask You
(mention your request).

This prayer must be said for three consecutive days. After the third day the request will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish the entire dialogue as a condition of having your request granted.

DF

DEATHS

BALL LESLIE (Les)

Maureen and all the family would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards, flowers, donations for Queenscourt at Home, sympathy and support. It was lovely to see so many who attended Les's funeral, it was very much appreciated by us all. Grateful thanks to the many wonderful doctors, nurses and carers for their care and support throughout Les's illness. Thank you to Father Paul Hutchins for the beautiful service and a very special thank you to Wendy and all at Howard's Funeral Directors for their caring and dignified arrangements.

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DEATHS

MURPHY Frank

Passed away peacefully at home on 26th September 2015, aged 80 years of Aughton.

Funeral Service at St. Michael's Church, Aughton, on Monday 5th October at 1.00pm, followed by committal at Southport Crematorium.

Further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tele: 01695 424888

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

GALLAGHER Frank

83 years on 5th October

Happy Birthday

Thought of
every day,
Never forgotten.

Loving wife
Irene, Children
Stephen, Paul
& Julie and
all Grandchildren
and great
Grandchildren
XXXX.

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PRAYER

PRAYER TO SAINT JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, Love in all tabernacles until then end of time. ***Amen****.*

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised and glorified now and forever. ***Amen****.*

St Jude pray for us and hear our prayers. ***Amen****.*

Blessed be the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Blessed be the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Blessed be St Jude Thaddeus in all entire world and for all eternity. ***Amen****.*

45595

Say this prayer followed by the Our Father and the Hail Mary. Say for nine days. Prayer will be answered and the prayer must be published.

M.W.L.

PRAYER

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

M.W.

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Terry Walter George Dutton Deceased Notice Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of Terry Walter George Dutton late of Birch Green Care Home, Ivydale, Skelmersdale WN8 6RS formerly of 29 Kirkstall Road Birkdale Southport PR8 4RA who died on 7th July 2015 is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the undersigned the Solicitors for the Executors on or before 30th November 2015 after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the Deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and interests of which they shall by then have had notice. Dated this 21st day of September 2015, Cockshott Peck Lewis, 20 Station Road, Ainsdale PR8 3HS, Southport, Merseyside.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MAKING
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(AUGHTON STREET, BURSCOUGH STREET, CHURCH STREET AND MOOR STREET, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(SUSPENSION AND INTRODUCTION OF PROHIBITION OF DRIVING (EXCEPT LOADING) AND ONE WAY TRAFFIC) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 29th September 2015, Lancashire County Council made the above Experimental Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 9 and 10 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1. Suspend the whole of "The District Council Of West Lancashire (Various Roads, Ormskirk) (Prohibition Of Cycling) Order 1982".
2. Suspend the whole of "The District Council Of West Lancashire (Burscough Street, Ormskirk) (Prohibition Of Motor Vehicles) Order 1979".
3. Suspend the whole of "The District Council Of West Lancashire (Church Street And Moor Street, Ormskirk) (Traffic Regulation) Order 1980".
4. Suspend the whole of Schedule 4 to the" Lancashire County Council (St Helens Road Link/Park Road Improvement Scheme, West Lancashire District) (Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting, Prohibition Of Driving, No Right Turn, And Revocation) Order 1992".

5. Introduce Prohibition of Driving at all times, every day except for loading from 7am until 10am and from 4pm until 7pm in the following lengths of road:
a) Church Street, Ormskirk, from its junction with Park Road to its junction with Aughton Street, Burscough Street and Moor Street for the entire length.
b) Burscough Street, Ormskirk, from its junction with Derby Street West and Derby Street to its junction with Church Street, Aughton Street and Moor Street.
c) Aughton Street, Ormskirk, from its junction with Park Road to its junction with Church Street, Burscough Street and Moor Street.
d) Moor Street, Ormskirk, from its junction with Aughton Street, Burscough Street and Church Street to its junction with Railway Road.

6. Introduce a One-way traffic restriction on the following lengths of road:
a) Church Street, Ormskirk, the entire length from its junction with the A570, Park Road in a generally south easterly direction to its junction with Aughton Street, Burscough Street and Moor Street.
b) Moor Street, Ormskirk, from its junction with Church Street, Aughton Street and Burscough Street in a south easterly direction to its junction with Railway Road.
c) Burscough Street, Ormskirk, from its junction with the A 570, Derby Street West in a south westerly direction to its junction with Church Street, Moor Street and Aughton Street.
d) Aughton Street, Ormskirk, from its junction with the A570, Park Road in a north easterly direction to its junction with Burscough Street, Church Street and Moor Street.

This Order will come into force on the 8th October 2015 and will be in operation for an experimental period of up to 18 months. The Order contains a provision under Section 10 of the Act allowing an authorised Officer to modify or suspend the operation of the Order or any provision of it for the purposes set out in that section.

Relevant documents for making this Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF and at the offices of The County Secretary & Solicitor, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ.

Lancashire County Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of this Experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely. Any person may object to the making of this order for the purpose of such indefinite continuation. Objections should be made in writing to County Secretary & Solicitor, Lancashire County Council, P O Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ, stating the ground upon which the objection/representation is made, within six months of the date on which this Order shall have come into force, or the date on which any variation or modification or the latest variation or modification shall have come into force and quoting the reference LSG4/5.54812/ETRO/RH3.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Experimental Order or any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply for that purpose to the High Court.

Ian Young, Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services
30th September 2015

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0959/OUT Outline application including details of access, layout and scale for the construction of six dwellings following demolition of existing commercial premises [re-submission of application ref: 2015/0621/OUT] at Downholland Bridge Business Park , Mairscough Lane, Downholland.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/0969/FUL Stand by generator compound 1474 square metres in area at Land To The West Of Gerard Hall, Prescot Road, Aughton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0954/FUL Replacement of wooden windows and front door with UPVC to front elevation, and replacement of wooden facia boards to front and gable end elevations at 2 Mill Leat Close, Parbold.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.
John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 30th September 2015
Assistant Director Planning PDNOT863

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NOTICE OF MAKING
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(AUGHTON STREET, BURSCOUGH STREET, CHURCH STREET AND MOOR STREET, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(SUSPENSION AND INTRODUCTION OF PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND PROHIBITION OF LOADING) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2015

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1. Suspend "The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 And The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1991 The Lancashire County Council (West Lancashire District Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Schedule 10.01
Item (123) Moor Street, Ormskirk
a) both sides (ii) from its junction with Aughton Street to a point 23 metres east of that junction
b) the north side (i) from the western boundary of No. 23 in an easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres
c) the south side (ii) from a point opposite the western boundary of No. 23 Moor Street for a distance of 10 metres to its junction with Moorgate.

2. Introduce a No Waiting At Any Time Zone in the following roads:
a) Church Street, Ormskirk, all sides, from its junction with Park Road to its junction with Aughton Street, Burscough Street and Moor Street.
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Any person wishing to question the validity of the Experimental Order or any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply for that purpose to the High Court.

Ian Young, Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services
30th September 2015

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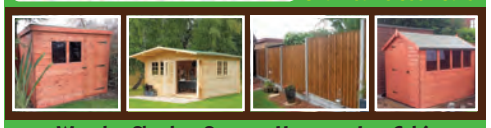
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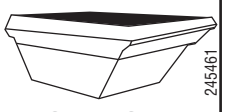

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New tech heavy astra starts at modest £15k

Like its predecessors the new Astra is being built here in the North West at Ellesmere Port. Code NA

By **David Simister**

PRICES for Vauxhall's new Astra – which arrives in the showrooms next month – start at £15,295. The manufacturer reckons the majority of its new buyers will be fleet customers, and it'll be using new technology including Apple's new CarPlay sound system and OnStar – a communication system used for emergencies or if the car's been stolen – in its bid to snare buyers away from the Golf and Focus.

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the road, not the factory, is where VW need to shine

SOMETHING weird has been happening at office water coolers and in crowded bars across the North West. People – some of whom have no interest in cars at all – have been chatting in serious tones about diesel Volkswagens.

As boring topics go it's up there with mortgages and washing machines – yet it seems to have relegated the Premier League, Strictly and whoever Katie Hopkins is offending this week firmly into 'Oh, by the way' territory. Even the tabloids are it. One newspaper splashed 'We Are Fuming' across its outraged front page in response to Europe's biggest car maker flunking the emissions entry exams.

What happens next will involve lots of American lawyers, hefty fines and some rather panicky German businessman holding board meetings – but I wouldn't rush to stick the Golf up for sale. Today's derv–burners are still far cleaner and leaner than smokey old clatterers like my 17–year–old Peugeot 306 – I love its ability to eke 55 miles out of every gallon, but in emissions terms a new VW would run rings around it.

What's far more important about the VW scandal is that finally throws a spotlight on the testing regimes used for new cars – almost all of which are complete cobblers. It's all very well slamming a car company for coming up with software that can get a car through emissions test, but the real problem is the test itself.

The tests used for cars sold in this country fail to take account of the 57.3 million square miles of land on this planet that isn't inside an EU or manufacturer testing lab – the real world, where you and I and all those other pesky motorists live. None of us have the luxury of getting 76mpg and artificially low emissions in hermetically sealed, optimised conditions. We're all getting a fraction of that in rush hour congestion on the A59, which is why I'm forever getting complaints off people who can't match their car's claimed MPG and why I'm not surprised the reality of VW's diesel offerings is nowhere near what the lab testers said. It's complete nonsense.

What's needed is a revolution in how new cars are tested – a test that happens in the real world, where car makers can't effectively cheat their way through and in which you and I end up looking at realistic emissions and MPG figures when weighing up whether to plump for a Polo over a Fiesta.

Now what we need is an independent organisation to finally banish the bull from new car emissions. Perhaps VW's inevitable fines could pay for it.

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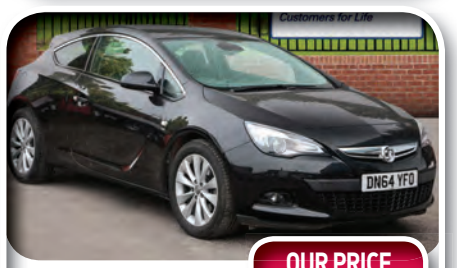

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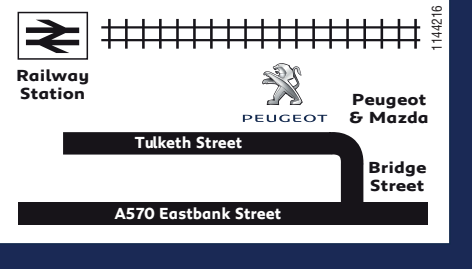

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Ormskirk boxer Sean set to join pro ranks

ORMSKIRK boxer Sean Crowley has been handed what has been described as 'a remarkable opportunity to be fast–tracked to the top' after applying to turn professional.

Sean, owner of the JAB boxing gym in the town, has signed a representational contract with Alfie Warren, nephew of Hall of Fame promoter, Frank, and is set to join the pro ranks next month.

Once his application has been approved by the British Boxing Board of Control, he is set to campaign as a featherweight under the guidance of former British bantamweight champion, Ian Napa, acknowledged as one of the most skilful technicians the British fight game has produced in recent times.

Sean is looking to make his professional debut in Liverpool on Saturday, October 17.

Sean Crowley

Missed chances prove costly as Skem bow out

Bamber Bridge 2
Skelmersdale United 0

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

SKEM bowed out of the FA Cup on Saturday and were left to count the cost of missed opportunities and a lapse of concentration at a crucial stage.

The first 15 minutes saw both teams careful not to give the other an early advantage, although United looked the more adventurous and their patient build–up play began to create openings.

They were unlucky not open the scoring in the 18th minute when Alan Burton took the ball in the middle of the park, played a one–two that took him past his marker, and unleashed a powerful skimming shot that thumped against the foot of the post.

The ball went into a wide position and from the cross back into the box, Dan Mitchley smashed a shot that home goalkeeper Lee Dovey somehow managed to tip over his crossbar.

Two minutes later Skelmersdale went close again, Burton putting a header wide. And on 25 minutes an excellent team build–up saw the ball drop to full–back Louis Corrigan whose volley was saved by Dovey, the rebound falling to Tom Ince who just missed the target.

The visitors continued to control the first period and had no fewer than four more efforts blocked before half–time.

Although still goalless, things looked good for the second–half as the Skem side drank their interval tea – but how wrong can you be?

Three minutes into the second–half Bamber Bridge had their first viable shot at goal. Joe Booth's initial effort was blocked but the ball ran back to him and this time the former AFC Fylde player coolly picked his spot. The hosts were in front and it was a completely different game.

The onus was now on Skem to score, while Bamber Bridge had something to hold on to.

And a refereeing decision also helped to make it hard for the visitors.

With Phil Mooney always going to get to a loose ball before home No. 5 Glenn Steel, the big defender went through with his challenge anyway long after the ball had gone. It was high and sent Mooney into the air before leaving him injured on the floor.

STRUGGLED

Referee Dean Watson paused then pulled out his yellow card, although many felt it should have been red.

One can only speculate as to how much difference it would have made had Steel departed with 41 minutes left on the clock – Skem hadn't done well against 10 men at Mickleover earlier in the month – but you could also say that it would have been fair to see them given that option.

Credit, though, must also go to Bamber Bridge who defended superbly in the second–half as Skem struggled to break them down.

Mitchley shot wide after a passing move, then Corrigan's free–kick also missed the target before Tony Rendell put a header over the bar from a corner.

The out–of–luck Mitchley then had a shot saved by Dovey and an excellent goal–line clearance by Danny Mahoney also kept Skem at bay.

This is an experienced Bamber Bridge outfit and evidence of that came to the fore when they grabbed a second goal on the counter in the 79th minute.

One–time Everton player Jamie Milligan exchanged passes with ex–Premier League striker Brett Ormerod, leaving the former in space on a tight angle 15 yards out and his pass across goal went straight into the path of Booth who slotted home his and his side's second killer goal.

There was still time for Mitchley to bring another save out of Dovey before it was all over for Skem.

Bamber Bridge: Dovey, Hankin (Mahoney, 73), Green, Lawlor, Steel. Kay, Booth, McKenna ©, Ormerod (Vasey, 86), Linney, Milligan (Marlow, 82). Subs (not used) Alexander, Swindlehurst.

Skelmersdale United: Fearon, Strickland (Owen, 82), Corrigan, McIntosh ©, Rendell, Burton, Mooney, Woolcott, Mitchley, Kinsella (Donnelly, 29), Ince. Subs (not used) Donaldson, Heron, Hardwick.

Referee: Dean Watson.

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Richmond top table after another away–day success

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RICHMOND made it two away wins in a row and top West Lancs League Division One for the first time since winning promotion four seasons ago.

The visitors got off to flying start, rocking the newly–promoted homesters with a near–post strike by Lee Jones after just two minutes following an excellent passing move and telling final ball by skipper Lee McNabb.

There were no further goals in the first half, despite both sides producing some good football, but Richmond landed an early blow again within five minutes of the re–start when a well–taken free–kick by midfielder Mike Galliers found man–of–the match Ash Disley and the centre–back steered the ball home to make it 2–0.

A 65th–minute penalty by last season's top marksman Galliers, awarded for an unfortunate handball by a home defender, wrapped up the points before the home side grabbed a late consolation effort.

Linnets on song in cup triumph

Spennymoor Town 0 Burscough 2

BURSCOUGH sent high–flying Spennymoor Town crashing to their first defeat of the season in this Emirates FA Cup 2nd qualifying round on Saturday.

Another strong performance by the Linnets was capped by second–half goals by Paul Jewell with a 58th minute volley and Will Jones with a diving header four minutes from time.

Burscough's reward is another testing away tie at National League North outfit Harrogate Town on Saturday, October 10, kick–off 3pm.

This Saturday (October 3) the team return to league action when they take on local rivals Bamber Bridge at Victoria Park, kick–off 3pm.

Liverpool & District Cricket Competition round–up

THE 2015 Liverpool & District Cricket Competition season has come to an end and it's time to look back to see who's done what for our local clubs, starting with the ECB Premier Division.

Ormskirk went into the season as reigning champions but finished runners–up to New Brighton on 346 points, with new skipper Matty Glayzer leading from the front with the bat with 490 runs at an aveage of 30.63, while John Armstrong 454 (26.71), Andy Baybutt 441 (29.40), Gary Knight 405 (40.50), Michael Jones 380 (22.35) and Ian Robinson 361 (25.69) all weighed in with valuable support. Knight was the only century–maker with 101 not out against Wallasey.

Report by **Glenn Wallworth**

Meanwhile, spinner Dane Currency led the bowling attack with 58 wickets at 14.86 with a best of 7–32 against Birkenhead Park.

Lancashire's Simon Kerrigan took 36 at 13.56 with a best of 7–34 against Rainhill and Nick Caunce took 26 at 15.69.

In the cups, Ormskirk beat Colwyn Bay in a tightly–fought contest in North Wales to clinch the Ray Digman Trophy.

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The walls of your home can transform your space with the help of some paint or wallpaper. But should you paint them, or should you wallpaper them? There are many pros and cons to both. Some factors to consider are cost and ease of application. .Preparing your walls for either also needs to be taken into account. Stripping existing wallpaper is a task no one enjoys and can be both tedious and time consuming. Applying paint to a darker wall can also take time, although using a primer paint will make preparation easier.

Painting is both easier and generally less expensive to wallpapering. It also requires less preparation time. That said, your walls need be pretty perfect. A new coat of paint can highlight every blemish and if that worries you, then you need to decide as to whether you will use a liner (smoothing over defects) or forget it altogether. If you are going to paint, here's how to do it best:

Buy a good quality roller and a 2" brush. At this stage, don't worry too much about getting the lines straight, you can always wipe the emulsion off with a damp cloth.

Paint one wall at a time. Using the brush first, paint a border around the whole wall, ceiling, skirting and corners, leaving a rough edge on the inside before painting the wall with the roller, overlapping the previously painted borders.

As in all decoration, good preparation is vital, sanding down the walls and using a primer paint if there is a significant colour change or the walls are newly plastered. Also take out as much furniture as possible and cover anything left behind as well as your carpet, you'll be surprised where those splashes can get to.

Wallpapering is trickier but if you are ready for the challenge it can also be the solution to hide a multitude of sins. To do it well, you will need tools (table, trimming knife, sponges, brush, etc...) and again your local store will advise you on what to buy and do. Preparation is again key. Perfectly clean walls are a must, so be ready to sand, sugar soap and spend some time getting them fuly prepared before you begin.

Professional decorators are an option many people choose. With our busy lifestyles many of us simply don't have the time. Also, some of us can turn our hand to anything, to others, DIY can be quite daunting. Ask in your local painting and decorating store, they should be able to recommend someone and you may be surprised at how reasonable professionals can be.

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OPEN FIREPLACES

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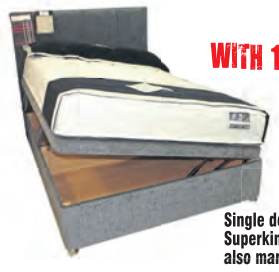

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Roughly 1/3 of your life is spent sleeping, so why spend that time in a disorganised, depressing space. Luckily, unlike some of the other rooms in your home such as the kitchen and bathroom, remodelling your bedroom can be achieved for a lot less money. There are no expensive structural changes needed, just a little imagination.

You will need to assess the space you have available and work out a plan for positioning furniture. If you are lucky enough to have an en suite or a smaller bedroom, consider using these for storage and this can take up valuable space and ruin the look you are trying to achieve. Fitted wardrobes may be something you are considering. These can run along an entire wall and as well as being practical, they can really enhance the look and style of the room.

Always consider the space you will need to move around the bedroom. Will you or your partner be able to move around freely and have full access to storage, even when cupboard doors and drawers are open?

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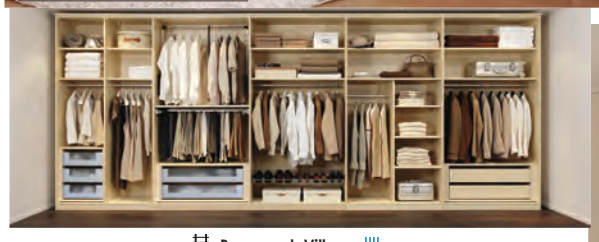

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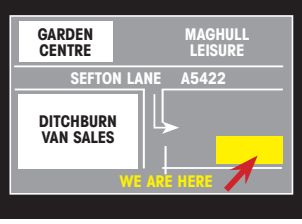

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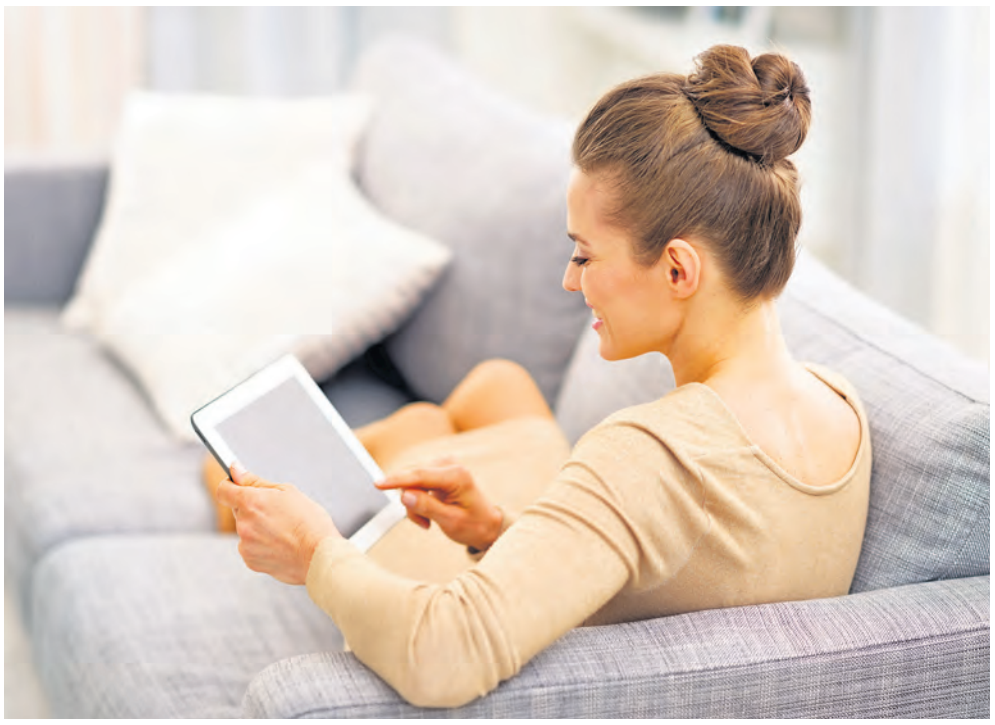

Whether living on your own or with a family, your main living area is an important space. This room is where you spend most time and it is the room where you will welcome guests. With that, you need to make sure that it is well designed to make it comfortable for everyone.

Choosing furniture for your main living room can be fun and give you a sense of achievement. .

Start with the basics. Most living rooms contain a sofa, armchair, side table and coffee table. Look for these basic furniture items before adding extra pieces. What will you mostly be using the room for? This needs to be considered when buying furnishings, like the cabinet for the TV, storage or a place where you can place your drinks when you have guests.

If your living room is used as a daily family hangout, you will need sturdy, stain-resistant furniture, especially if you have young children. On the other hand, if your living room is mainly used by adults and will only entertain the occasional guest, you can choose fragile pieces made with delicate fabrics. Stain-resistant fabrics are especially useful if you have young children, but they might still be a good idea even if you only plan on using the space for guests since spills and stains can happen to anyone. High quality furniture can be an investment so don't just look at the design but also think about how long the furniture needs to last you. Avoid mistakes by getting samples. Ask for fabric swatches and paint cards to determine how well certain pieces and colours coordinate with one another and the room.

Pick paint colours, flooring, and finishing details that coordinate with your choice of furniture. Choose a theme for your interior. If you decide to get an eclectic look, then this gives you the freedom to mix and match furniture. If you want to get a modern look, then get modern pieces.

Aside from the basic furniture that a living room needs, add some dual functioning pieces like an ottoman. This can also be an additional seating area especially when you have guests, you can also add other accessories on it like throws or cushions

Once you have your main furnishings sorted you can start adding accessories. Just a few pieces, such as an interesting painting or a glass-front cabinet to show off a collection of something can personalise the space.

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